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Nancy Lee Western Receives NFAA Medal of Merit

November 27, 1985

Mr. John Stockman
NFAA Director
Virginia Bowhunters Association
1301 N. Utah St.
Arlington, Va. 22201

Dear Mr. Stockman,

This letter is to recommend that the NFAA Medal of Merit be awarded to Mrs. Nancy Lee Western, Corresponding Secretary of the Virginia Bowhunters Association. Pursuant to Article XIV of the NFAA By-Laws, you are requested to forward this recommendation with your endorsement to the Mid-Atlantic Council for their consideration.

During April of 1986, Mrs. Western will complete 20 years of continuous service as the Corresponding Secretary for the VBA. This achievement alone must stand among the few in NFAA with long records of dedicated service. But her record goes far beyond dedication. Nancy Lee has distinguished her long "career" with an unbroken record for competence, diligence, and loyalty to the VBA and its members which far surpasses the requirements of the position.

On any number of occasions, the VBA has been complimented on its extremely well organized state-wide association of 34 local clubs and over 1500 members, its superior manner of business operations and its constant adherence to NFAA requirements. To whatever extent these compliments are deserved, they are largely the result of

Nancy Lee's efforts and effectiveness.

In addition to the awesome record keeping tasks required of her, Nancy Lee has been of invaluable assistance to the ever-changing officers and members of VBA. She has provided outstanding advice and council to many an incoming administration and has always been very responsive to anyone's questions or requests for help.

On behalf of the members and officers of the Virginia Bowhunters Association, it is my pleasure to submit this recommendation. I am confident that your presentation of this to the Mid-Atlantic Council will receive their unanimous approval.

Sincerely,

D. H. Vanek
President

1301 N. Utah St.
Arlington, Virginia 22201
November 6, 1985

Mr. Jack Stites
Mid-Atlantic Councilman
4503 Carroll Manor Road
Baldwin, Maryland 21013

Dear Mr. Stites,

Attached is a recommendation from the President of Virginia's NFAA affiliate, the Virginia Bowhunters Association, for the NFAA Medal of Merit for Mrs. Nancy Lee Western. I strongly support his recommendation and would like to add some observations of my own.

Mrs. Western has probably contributed more to the sport of field archery than any other individual Virginian.

She has held the office of Corresponding Secretary for our state organization for nearly 20 years. Her willing and conscientious service over that period has provided invaluable continuity between administrations. Mrs. Western has a deserved reputation as a knowledgeable, competent administrator. She is intimately familiar with both National and State field archery policies and procedures. In fact, she is considered the authority on field archery matters in our organization.

During her long tenure, Mrs. Western has faithfully attended quarterly State level meetings of the Virginia Bowhunters Association and played a key role in them. She provides information to the membership on diverse topics such as membership, awards, handicaps, tournaments, dues, clubs, insurance, and NFAA matters. She also attends State level tournaments to offer her assistance. She has traveled thousands of miles attending these and other archery functions.

Mrs. Western is respected throughout the State by all who deal with her, State level officers, club officers, and individual NFAA members. She not only never refuses to respond to a request for information or assistance, she does so with patience and understanding. Her selfless service to the sport of field archery has earned her Virginia's highest honorary award—The Order of The Golden Feather.

Mrs. Western's archery activities have not been limited to administrative matters. She has been both an active tournament shooter as well as a bowhunter.

Thousands of Virginia archers have benefitted tremendously from the unselfish contributions of Mrs. Western. On their behalf I respectfully request that the NFAA Board of Directors Council award her the Medal of Merit.

Sincerely,

John Stockman
NFAA Director
Virginia

Special Effort Made to Bring Archery to the Law Enforcement Olympics

While attending a meeting of my archery club in November (Northern Virginia Archers or NORVA) I put before the group the idea of having a special archery tournament for police. It was discussed and several points were brought out.

1. If the tournament went well Mr. Thomas Franke, the regional director of the Law Enforcement Olympics (LEO),

would consider adding archery as a field event in the Law Enforcement Olympics in the 1987 games. This alone would be a big plus to archery as a sport nationwide.

2. This could lead to the building of the general strength of archery clubs across the state with more competition and better public relations between the police and public.

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From the President

I am very pleased to announce to all VBA members that Nancy Lee Western has been awarded the NFAA Medal of Merit. The Medal was presented to Nancy Lee at the March VBA meeting by our NFAA Director, John Stockman. Elsewhere in this issue are reproduced the letters of commendation which resulted in the unanimous support of the NFAA Board for this award. Congratulations, Nancy!

From The Office Of The Hunting Vice-President

Summer is here and most bowhunters are anxiously awaiting the fall deer season. Hopefully, some of the frustration of waiting may be relieved by carp hunting. The carp is a common quarry throughout Virginia and can be hunted all summer long. The equipment needed for carp hunting is fairly simple: a reel, line, and fish arrow. One suggestion to the beginning carp hunter is to take one or two extra arrows with him/her when heading out to hunt carp.

Some friendly competition among club members for the biggest or the most fish taken can be a bonus to summer

carp hunting. The V.B.A. also gives an award to the person who takes the biggest carp by weight. Last year Porky Payne, a member of the Bowhunters of Rockingham, received the award for taking a whooping 31½ lb. carp.

Carp hunting probably will not replace the excitement of a trophy buck standing under your tree stand, but it has been known to help a few bowhunters make it through the summer while waiting for bow season to open.

Good Hunting,
Dave

Law Enforcement Olympics Continued from page 1

3. If the tournament is a success, the VBA would play a big role in bringing archery to the Law Enforcement Olympics nationwide.

The membership of Northern Virginia Archers voted for the tournament and I then presented the idea to the Fraternal Order of Police, D. C. Lodge #1. The general membership voted to get with NORVA for the tournament.

I next approached John Stockman, Virginia's NFAA Director, to present the idea to the next VBA meeting. The officers of VBA and those attending thought it was a good idea and gave their approval with the condition that it could be scheduled at a time which would not conflict with any existing tournament in Zone #2. After consulting John Street, VBA's Field VP, NORVA, and the FOP Lodge we settled for an Animal Round for May 10 and 11. The FOP Lodge sent out invitations to all the FOP Lodges in Northern Virginia and Maryland. With the scheduling of my work hours and court time, we were unable to make the *FLIGHT* publication cut off.

If you are in law enforcement, or you know someone who is a police officer who enjoys bow hunting, show them this article. If your club has members of a police department or other branch of law enforcement and would like to see archery spread to the LEO games, drop me a card or letter with your thoughts

and feelings on this subject. Send it to:

George A. Weaver
c/o Fraternal Order of Police DC #1
512 Fifth St. NW
Washington, DC 20001

I may not be able to answer each letter but I will keep the VBA membership posted through *FLIGHT*. I hope to hear from you.



To All Clubs From Field Vice-President

The September Scheduling meeting is coming up. I would like to suggest the following:

(1) Arrange a meeting with the other clubs in your zone to discuss dates.

(2) After getting some idea as to possible dates for your shoots, discuss them with your fellow club members.

(3) By the time the scheduling session takes place, it should be an orderly process submitting your dates.

(4) By doing the above, changes to the schedule should not be necessary.

Notice:

The Field Archery Committee is interested in starting The VBA Pro Division back in Virginia. Archers across the state who are interested in participating in this division and would rather win money than awards should contact their local zone representative or the Field Archery Committee Chairman.

Shooting styles, rules and regulations will be determined at a later date if there is enough interested archers across the state.

Zone 1: Ed Bickham—6353 Godwin Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23532 (804-255-2294)

Zone 2: No representative

Zone 3: Steve Bradley—1604 Terrace Street, Staunton, VA (703-886-7773)

Zone 4: Rick Mowles—3616 Bond Street, Roanoke, VA 24018 (703-774-9587) and Steve Trent—Rt. 7, Box 409, Reidsville, N.C. 23720 (919-342-0442)

Zone 5: Steve Hiner—613 Clay Street, Apt. 5, Blacksburg, VA 24060 (703-953-1076) and C. D. Miller—P.O. Box 130, Chilhowie, VA 24319 (703-646-8777)

Zone 6: Doug Carico—Rt. 3, Box 218, Wise, VA 24293 (703-679-4917)

Zone 7: Earl McCauley—1012 Stonewall Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630 (703-635-7030)

or

Field Archery Committee Chairman:
Steve White—Box 18, Shadow Wood Trp. Princeton, WV 24740 (304-425-5288)

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Guest Editorial

by Rick McKinney

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The Olympic Games. One of the most coveted events and archery is very fortunate to be able to be represented in these wonderful games. But, why is it that many archers feel that it isn't represented in the right way? "Why is it that recurve/fingers are allowed and not someone else?" "When will FITA allow the compounds into their organization?" And, "Shouldn't the Olympic Committee drop recurve/fingers for compound/releases? They shoot the higher scores!"

Well, believe it or not, these are comments made in the United States and possibly starting to spread around the world. Is it the best way to go about getting compounds into the Olympic Games; to drop recurves? I don't think so. I know, I shoot a recurve and I am one-sided, right? Wrong! Actually, I want more than just one representation in the Olympics for archery. I want recurve/fingers, compound/releases, compound/fingers, and crossbows. Why not a bowhunter's round like maybe moving targets?

You may think I am a little off my rocker, but these events are very possible. Shooting sports (rifle, pistols, etc.) has eleven (11) events in the Olympics representing: Men's air rifle, Men's English match rifle, Men's smallbore rifle (three positions), Men's running game target, Men's clay target trap shooting, Men's skeet shooting, Men's free pistol, Men's rapid fire pistol, Women's air rifle, Women's rapid-fire pistol, Women's air rifle, Women's small bore rifle, and Women's sport pistol. The National Rifle Association (NRA) had twenty-three shooters at the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The National Archery Association (NAA) had six archers. The NRA could have won eleven gold medals. The NAA could have won two.

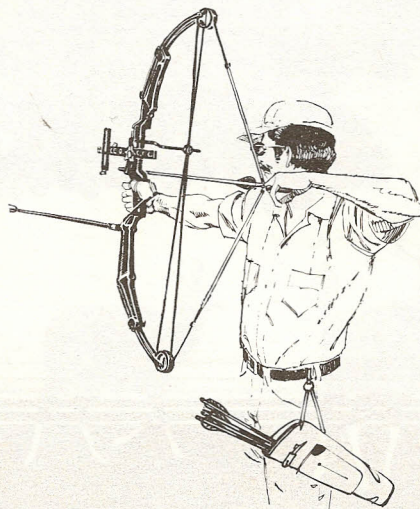
The main reason there are several divisions in the Shooting Sports and only one in archery is because Shooting Sports have united into one organization. Each event in shooting governs their own programs, while an umbrella organization oversees all events to make sure there are no major problems. It is similar to the United States Olympic Committee which oversees every olympic sport body, but has no real major control of the sports themselves. Instead of working against each other, possibly like archery is doing, the NRA has approximately two million members.

That sounds like a lot of members, but archery has close to 1.8 million people who shoot one form of archery or another. We just don't have any organization which caters to all types of archery. And let me tell you, the NRA is only 5% (approx.) competitors. The rest of the members join for the choice of magazines, gun lobbying, and to take advantage of other programs.

Now, let's look at United States Archery. We have the Professional Archers Association (PAA), National Field Archery Association (NFAA), National Archery Association (NAA), Bowhunters Who Care, Fred Bear Sports Club, National Bowhunter Education Foundation, Pope and Young Club, and Professional Bowhunters Society. I think I have covered most of them. There are at least two International Associations, The International Field Archery Association (IFAA) and Fédération Internationale de Tir à l'Arc (FITA). There are a couple of crossbow associations and international associations, also. Is it a wonder why archery has only one style of archery represented in the Olympics?

What we need is to get organized. Promote all aspects of archery not just the one you love. Let's face it, you are in archery because you really enjoy it, no matter what style, so why not let others enjoy their style under one major organization? If we ever want to see all of archery in the Olympics and to grow, we will have to get together. Now the most difficult questions; *Who will be the first to make a move towards unity?*

Please express your views on this issue. Address them to "The U.S. Archer, 7315 N. San Anna Dr., Tucson, AZ 85704.



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20-Pin Winners

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Field

Marvin Blokzyl, FPO NY

Robert Stepp, FPO NY Scott Betterton, FPO NY

Steve W. Short, Hardy

Elroy Smith, Union Hall

Henry Hudson, Sr., Amherst

James Barker, Dry Fork

Tournament Schedule July-August

July 5 & 6

Buggs Island Archers Annual Big Apple Shoot cas. mult. 8:00-12:00 Sat./8:00-11:00 Sun.

July 6

Two Rivers Archery Club cas. 8:00-2:00

July 12 & 13

Cub Run Archers Annual Safari Trophy Shoot cas. and mult. 9:00-4:00 Sat./9:00-2:00 Sun.

July 13

2nd Annual Tidewater Championship
Warwick Bowmen 10:00
Wythe Bowhunters 10:00
Battletown Archers cas. 9:00-12:00
Bowhunters of Rockingham cas. 10:00-1:00
Central Va. Archers Trophy Shoot cas. and mult. 9:00-11:00

July 20

Sherwood Archers 10:00
Smyth Co. Archery Club 10:00
Caney Ridge Archery Club 9:00
Shawnee Bowmen 9:00-12:00 cas.

July 21 thru 25

NFAA Nationals
Watkins Glen NY

July 26 & 27

Bowhunters of Rockingham Annual Tur-

key Shoot cas. and mult. 9:00-2:00
Massanutten Archery Club Annual cas. mult. 8:00-2:00 Sat./8:00-1:00 Sun.

July 27

Princeton Archers 10:00
Northern Va. Archers 10:00
Blackwater Bowhunters 10:00

August 2 & 3

Prince William Archers Annual Black Bear Shoot cas. mult. 9:00-3:00 Sat./9:00-1:00 Sun.

August 3

Central Va. Archers Silver Shoot cas. and mult. 9:00-11:00
Bearcreek Annual Trophy Shoot 10:00
Princess Anne Bowmen 9:00

August 9 & 10

Shenandoah Co. Archers Annual cas. and mult. 8:00-3:00 Sat./8:00-1:00 Sun.

August 10

Wythe Bowhunters Annual 10:00
Walton Park Archers Annual Trophy Shoot cas. 9:00-11:00
Augusta Archers cas. 9:00-1:00

August 16 & 17

Loudoun Bowhunters Annual cas. and mult. 9:00-2:00

Seminole Archers "Billy Ingram Memorial Tournament" cas. and mult. 9:00-1:00 Sat./8:00-11:00

August 17

Smyth County Archery Club Annual Trophy Shoot 10:00
Kingsboro Bowmen 10:00
Northern Va. Archers 10:00

August 23 & 24

Shawnee Bowmen Annual Little Brown Jug Shoot cas. and mult. 9:00-1:00 Sat./9:00-12:00 Sun.
Princeton Archers Annual WV cas. and mult. 9:00-11:00 Sat./8:00-11:00 Sun.

August 24

Caney Ridge Archery Club Southwest Bowhunter Champion Shoot All Animal 9:00
Bowhunters of Rockingham cas. and mult. 10:00-1:00
Buggs Island Archers 10:00
Warwick Bowmen 10:00

August 30 & 31

Virginia Bowhunters Association
Closed State Championships
Augusta Archers



Club News

Wythe Bowhunters

The Wythe Bowhunters welcome all VBA and NFAA members and guests to enjoy the sport of archery on their newly remodeled range. New target butts, new excelsior bales, clear shooting lanes, and easy walking all in a park-like setting. The range is approximately 8 miles north of downtown Wytheville on Rt. 21-52 N.

Shooting dates for 1986:

June 1st—10:00 a.m.

July 13th—10:00 a.m.

Aug. 10th—10:00 a.m. (Annual Trophy)

Nice state campground with stocked trout stream 1 mile away. Dark Horse Hollow Recreation Area ½ mile.

Annual Silver Bow Tournament

Warwick Bowmen's Annual Silver Bow was held April 26-27. We had a great turn out Saturday and Sunday. A fish fry was held Saturday and Sunday for the enjoyment of all. Our next scheduled shoot is June 1. July 13 we will host the 2nd Annual Tidewater Championships. We thank all that attended our annual tournament and look forward to seeing you back in the future.

The Battletown Archers Shoot on September 28 has been cancelled.

1986 NAA Eastern Regional Indoor

1st Place Tom Schanbacher Bare Bow
2nd Place Benny Villorrente
1st Place 1986 NAA National Indoor
Tom Schanbacher

1986 Atlantic City Classic

1st Place NAA Amateur Bare Bow
Tom Schanbacher
1st Place NFAA Amateur Bare Bow
Tom Schanbacher

Battletown Archers

Battletown Archers
Berryville, VA

28 April 1986

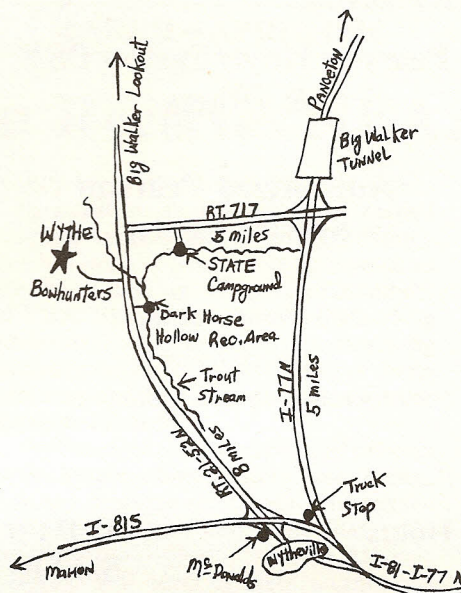
Dear VBA Members:

I wish to apologize for the inconvenience to those of you that showed up for our April 6th shoot. VBA Members were suppose to have been notified of the cancellation, and I should have followed up more closely to make sure they had.

We will be holding our shoot on Saturday, 31st May from 9:00 until 1:00, and on Sunday, 1st June from 9:00 until 12:00. We will hold our pin shoot on Sunday, 13th July from 9:00 until 12:00. We will shoot 14 field and 14 hunter at both of these shoots. We are cancelling our animal shoot scheduled for 28 September. I hope to see you all on 31st May.

Sincerely,

Kathy Cissel
President, Battletown Archers



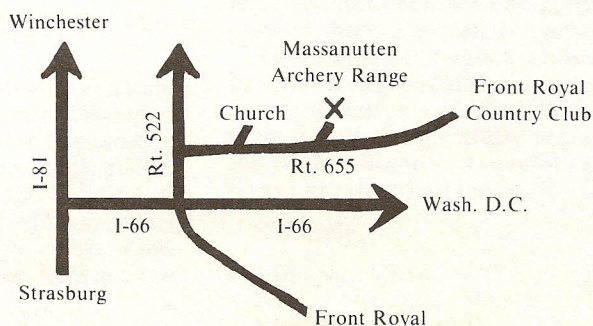
Massanutten Archery Club

On May 17 and 18, members of the Massanutten Archery Club of Front Royal participated in the 1986 Tri-State Scouting Jamboree held at the Clarke County Ruritan Grounds in Berryville. Archery instruction clinics and demonstrations were conducted both days.

Massanutten kicked off its 1986 Outdoor League on May 1, with twelve 2-person teams participating. The league will run a total of eleven weeks (excluding rain-delayed competitions).

The members of Massanutten Archery

Club would like to thank all those who participated in their first pin shoot for 1986 which was held 20 April. A total of 87 archers were registered, setting a new club attendance record. Upcoming events include a pin shoot on 29 June, annual trophy tournament on 26 and 27 July, and an all-animal shoot on 21 September. The Massanutten Archery Range is located 2/10 of a mile north on Route 522 from the I-66 interchange on Route 655 (see map).



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